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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

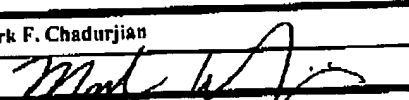
Application Number	09/526,394
Filing Date	03/16/2000
First Named Inventor	Howell, et al.
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	Parckh, Nttin
Attorney Docket Number	BUR919990175US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.


1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed 09/16/2002
onii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii. ☐ Otherb. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other**FAX COPY RECEIVED****OCT 17 2002**

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2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) fora period of 090456 months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other3. **748-80** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 09-0456i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Otherb. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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In re Application: Howell et al.

Serial No.: 09/526,394

Filed: 3/16/2000

Title: Copper Pad Structure

Today's Date: 9/17/2002

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Parekh, Nitin

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - 37 C.F.R. 1.116

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 17, 2002, in which all of pending claims rejected, kindly amend the subject U.S. patent application as follows. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge applicants' Deposit Account 09-0456 such fees as may be due for the entry and consideration of this amendment; Applicants do not believe any such fees are due.

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